

# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NORTH EAST WESTCHESTER FEBRUARY 2019

## HOT TOPIC: HEALTH CARE

Spread the word about our upcoming public program, **Health Care for All New Yorkers: The NY Health Act**. On Saturday, March 16, LWVNEW will be screening a film, *Now is the Time: Health Care for Everybody*, followed by a panel discussion. Our panelists will include Elizabeth Rosenthal, MD, Member, Physicians for a National Health Program and League of Women Voters, and Peter Arno, PhD, Health Economist. The program is being held at the Katonah Village Library, 26 Bedford Road, Katonah. It begins at 2 pm and is free and open to the public. **Please attend and please spread the word. This is an important topic and the program looks to be very informative.**

## YOUTH OUTREACH

### STUDENTS INSIDE ALBANY 2019 FEBRUARY 13 DEADLINE LOOMING

High school girls and boys aged sixteen and over who reside in Bedford, Lewisboro, Mount Kisco, North Salem, and Pound Ridge are invited to submit applications to compete for a spot at the annual 4-day *Students Inside Albany (SIA) Conference*. SIA is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of New York State Education Foundation.

60 students from all across the state will observe the new state legislature at work, shadow their representatives, learn how voters' interests are processed, and tour the Capitol. **The conference will be held May 19-22 and is without cost to participating students**, including train

transportation, meals, a three-night stay at Hampton Inn & Suites, and all activities chaperoned and led by members of the NYS League.

For applications and more information, contact the school social studies department, the local library, or the League of Women Voters of North East Westchester SIA Coordinator, Barbara Dodds, at (914) 275-6550.

All completed applications must be sent to: LWVNEW c/o Barbara Dodds at 2805 Canterbury Way, Mount Kisco NY 10549 or badodds@optonline.net. **The deadline is February 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**~ ARE YOU A NEW MEMBER? ~**

**LET US KNOW HOW YOU WOULD  
LIKE TO GET INVOLVED!**

**DO YOU HAVE A PARTICULAR TALENT?  
AN AREA OF INTEREST?**

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS IN THE AREAS OF  
>VOTER REGISTRATION**

**>VOTER EDUCATION >COUNTY ISSUES**

**>FUNDRAISING >HELP AT MEETINGS**

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*It is with sadness that we mark the passing of Polly Kuhn, a longtime member of the League. Polly joined LWVNEW briefly after the Somers League disbanded. She was an active member in Somers and in the New Castle League before that.*

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## **NEWS FROM THE COUNTY LEAGUE (LWVW)**

### **FACT OR FAKE? EXPLORING THE ROLE OF THE MEDIA IN POLITICS**

An interactive workshop, led by volunteers from the League of Women Voters, to discuss the state of media in the current political environment. Throughout the 90-minute workshop, presentation and group discussion topics will include media biases, spotting fake news, different ways to access news, and the benefits of a comprehensive media diet. We'll also discuss how technology has influenced the changing political environment like never before. Developed through and sponsored by the League of Women Voters, this non-partisan workshop encourages all ages, and backgrounds to participate.

**>Tuesday, February 26, 6-7:30 pm**

**Mount Vernon Public Library**

**28 S 1st Ave, Mount Vernon, New York**

**>Wednesday, March 13, 6:30-8 pm**

**The Field Library**

**4 Nelson Avenue, Peekskill, New York**

For more information, contact the LWV of Westchester at 914-949-0507

## **NEWS FROM THE STATE LEAGUE (LWVNY)**

### **MEMBER CALL ON VOTING REFORMS**

LWVNY recently held a member-wide call about the recently passed voting reforms.

Listen to the archived recording:

<http://www.conferenceplayback.com/stream/85116372/95094101.mp3>

### **CENSUS LOBBY DAY – MARCH 5**

The League recently became a coalition partner with New York Counts 2020, a broad-based, statewide coalition composed of racial, ethnic, immigrant, religious, health, education, labor, housing, social services, and business groups working in

partnership with state and local government officials. Their aim is to ensure that New Yorkers across the state - particularly marginalized communities in hard-to-count districts - can fully maximize their participation in the 2020 Census. On March 5, they will hold a lobby day in Albany in support of funding for educational efforts surrounding the census question.

Learn more about New York Counts 2020:

<https://www.newyorkcounts2020.org>

Sign up for their lobby day here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScJXC5OINDtJPKMUSaexYTYitQRlrZVJGCxJMtcRqmbY-diKw/viewform>

### **BUDGET FUNDING FOR VOTING REFORMS**

This link takes you to a packet that can be used for in-district lobby visits with state legislators during the February recess. The packet is very informative – take a look!

<https://lwvnyonline.org/advocacy/legAction/2019/Pre-Budget-Lobby-Packet.pdf>

### **ANNUAL LOBBY DAY IN ALBANY**

April 30th. Stay tuned for more.

## **NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL LEAGUE (LWVUS)**

### **TAKE ACTION FOR HR1**

Tell your representative to strengthen voting rights, end gerrymandering, and improve transparency in our elections.

Four key elements of HR1:

[https://www.lwv.org/blog/4-key-elements-hr1?\\_ga=2.80199703.1220316123.1549837653-1819954664.1549837653](https://www.lwv.org/blog/4-key-elements-hr1?_ga=2.80199703.1220316123.1549837653-1819954664.1549837653)

Read the League's press release on its support of HR1:

[https://www.lwv.org/newsroom/press-releases/league-women-voters-supports-hr1?\\_ga=2.82707734.1220316123.1549837653-1819954664.1549837653](https://www.lwv.org/newsroom/press-releases/league-women-voters-supports-hr1?_ga=2.82707734.1220316123.1549837653-1819954664.1549837653)

Use our simple form: <http://bit.ly/2Gena3s>

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**SOCIAL MEDIA**

If you are a Facebook user, please head over to our page and “like” us:

*League of Women Voters  
of North East Westchester*

And if you happen to be on Twitter,  
please “follow” us at *LWVNEW*.



**MEMBERSHIP DUES**

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<https://sites.google.com/site/leagueofwomenvotersnew/home>

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